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COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE
HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AND SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN INCORPORA-
TED IN THE LETTER WHICH FOLLOWS. LETTER SHOULD BE TRANS-
MITTED TO THE FRG AND UK MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC PHASE TWO
STUDY TEAM.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. WE BELIEVE THE JUNE 5 VERSION OF UK PAPER " ASPECTS OF
DETERRENCE", (I. E., LESS PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14 OF EARLIER VER-
SIONS) SHOULD BE CIRCULATED TO NPG COUNTRIES AS A CONTRI-
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BUTION TO THE PERMREP CONSIDERATIONS OF THE VALUE OF UNDERTAKING A CONCEPTUAL ANALYSIS OF THE NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF DETERRENCE. WE BELIEVE IT PREMATURE TO RAISE THE ISSUES DISCUSSED IN PARAS 13 AND 14 AT THE PERMREP LEVEL UNTIL THE PHASE TWO STUDY TEAM ITSELF HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN WEAPONS SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY.

2. CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL FOR THE PHASE II STUDY GROUP TO EXAMINE THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN WEAPONS SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY, WE VISUALIZE

A STUDY SOMEWHAT MORE LIMITED IN SCOPE THAN THAT SUGGESTED BY THE FRG DELEGATION. WE PROPOSE THAT THE STUDY TEAM ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE IMPLICATIONS OF PRECISION DELIVERY AND SMALL YIELDS, AND THEN CONDUCT A LIMITED RE- EXAMINATION OF ONE OR TWO SELECTED SITUATIONS IN THE PHASE I STUDIES IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE WHAT ADDITIONAL OPTIONS SUCH NEW WEAPONS WOULD PROVIDE AND WHAT THEIR POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS MIGHT BE. THE STUDY NEED BE NO LONGER THAN THE OTHER PAPERS WRITTEN BY STUDY TEAM MEMBERS.

3. BRIEFLY, THE FOLLOWING OUTLINE SHOWS HOW THE STUDY MIGHT BE ORGANIZED:

A. IDENTIFY THE NEW/ IMPROVED WEAPONS AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS THAT ARE CURRENTLY FEASIBLE AND OF INTEREST.

(1) DETERMINE THE CHARACTERISTICS AND CAPABILITIES OF THESE SYSTEMS.

(2) DETERMINE HOW THESE SYSTEMS MIGHT BE EFFECTIVELY USED.

B. APPLY SOME OF THESE SYSTEMS IN ONE OR MORE FOLLOW- ON USE SITUATIONS SELECTED FROM PHASE I STUDIES.

C. ASSESS THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF USING SUCH NEW/ IMPROVED SYSTEMS.

D. DECIDE WHETHER THE ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED OUT-SECRET

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WEIGH THE DISADVANTAGES.

4. IF THE OTHER DELEGATIONS FIND THIS GENERAL OUTLINE ACCEPTABLE, WE WOULD BE READY TO PRESENT A BRIEFING ON SOME OF THE RELEVANT ASPECTS OF THE NEW WEAPONS AT THE PHASE II STUDY TEAM MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, WELCOME ANY PRESENTATIONS BY THE OTHER DELEGA-

TIONS ON ANY ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED STUDY. THE STUDY
TEAM MAY ALSO WANT TO CONSIDER IN SEPTEMBER WHICH MEMBERS
SHOULD CONDUCT THE STUDY OUTLINED ABOVE AND WHETHER OR
NOT THE STUDY TEAM WANTS TO RECOMMEND TO THE NPG THAT IT
AND/ OR THE DPC SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE WIDER AND MORE
GENERAL IMPLICATIONS OF NEW/ IMPROVED TECHNOLOGIES FOR
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